50m × 21m). During 1994-95, the Deptt. sanctioned money for 4 Swimming Pools of international standard.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not-arise.

Corruption in DDA

1259. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item, captioned "Illegal units allowed to flourish: Engineer reveals manipulation in DDA Industrial Branch" which appeared in the "Indian Express' dated 16th April, 1995;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) DDA has reported that Shri R.S. Sheoren, Junion Engineer, who was earlier working in the Industrial Branch (now working in Commercial 'Land Branch) had alleged in his notes sent in March/April, 1995 about the faulty system of inspection of the industrial units followed in the Industrial Branch, although the system of inspections had been reviewed and fresh instructions issued in September, 1994.

(c) DDA has informed that the allegations about the discriminatory treatment meted out to Shri Sheoren in the matter of assigning the duties or distribution of the work amongst the Junior Engineers, are baseless and that there is no lacuna in the system of inspections which was streamlined in September, 1994.

केन्द्रीय मृदा और सामग्री अनुसंधानशाला में बेकार पड़े उपकरण

1260. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को मंत्रालय की केंद्रीय मृदा और सामग्री अनुसंधानशाला में जल संसाधन विकास के लिए प्रयुक्त होने वाली करोड़ों रुपए की मशीनों के बंद पड़े होने की जानकारी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में पूरे तथ्यों का पता लगाने के लिए कोई जांच की है, यदि हां, तो इस बर्बादी के लिए जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(घ) सरकार ने इन उपकरणों को प्रचालनात्मक बनाने के लिए क्या निर्णय लिया है?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी॰वी॰ रंगैया नायडू): (क) से (घ) कुछ शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई थी कि केन्द्रीय मृदा एवं सामग्री अनुसंधानशाला में करोड़ों रुपए मूल्य की मशीनें बेकार पड़ी हुई हैं। सरकार ने इसे गम्भीरता से लिया है तथा उच्च स्तरीय जांच की गई है जिससे पता चला है कि सभी आरोप निराधार हैं।

Improving the efficiency of Public Sector Seed Corporation

1261. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
CHAUDHARY HARMOHAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made efforts to improve the efficiency of the public sector seed corporation at National and State level so that it can be made economically viable;

(b) if so, what improvements have been made therein and the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the success has been ved by Government during the last years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Under National Seeds Project-III, an assistance of Rs. 121.50 crores has been made available to the two National and ten State Seed Corporations for financial and operational restructuring to enable them to become economically viable. The assistance was provided by way of contribution towards margin money, equity, contributors share for raising institutional finance, repayment of loan to Government and banks.

(b) and (c) .The assistance provided to the Corporations has improved the financial and working efficiency of these Corporations, and has resulted in reduction in loan burden, increase in financial and physical turnover, restructuring of organisation, creation of infrastructural facilities, and improved financial performance to be able to distribute certified/ quality seeds to the farming community.

Introducing Career Oriented Courses in Delhi University

1262. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is need to analyse admission trends in college education in view of seats lying vacant in subjects covered under pure science and liberal arts, including humanities in different colleges of Delhi;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce more career oriented applied sciences and vocational courses from next year as students are no longer interested in pursuits of academic career purely for the sake of knowledge; and

(c) if so, the details of the perspective planning therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Transfer of FP&ARD to Ministry of Agriculture

1263. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred Question 2890 given in Rajya Sabha on 31.3.95 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a decision to transfer Fertilizer Promotion and Agricultural Research Division (FP&ARD) under Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) to Ministry of Agriculture because of its potential for fertilizer promotion and education among the farmers;

(b) whether Government have noted that the activities of FP&ARD are closely related with the marketing of fertilizers and the efficient functioning at field level as well as the result oriented approach could be achieved if it is managed by the fertilizer producing companies; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon alongwith any short-term and long-term plan been made for full utilisation of FP&ARD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The Fertilizer Promotion and Agricultural Research Division (FP&ARD) of M/s. Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) is an agency basically involved in farm related research and connected extension work. The activities of FP&ARD are not directly relatable to the commercial